

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1137

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of George John Forbes of Franklin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of George John “Tom” Forbes; and

WHEREAS, Tom Forbes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he bravely served his country as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps for eight years, during which he rendered sterling service as the Company A, First Anti-Tank Battalion Commander in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, performing his duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism, Mr. Forbes received numerous military awards and decorations for his significant contributions, including a Navy Commendation medal with Valor device, a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, a Presidential Unit citation, a Combat Action ribbon, a Pistol Sharpshooter badge, a Rifle Sharpshooter badge, and a Vietnam Campaign medal; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the military, Tom Forbes, who held a degree in business from the University of Missouri, commenced a career in management at Travel Centers of America and BP, which he served with acumen and alacrity for thirty illustrious years, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Forbes was an active and devout member of St. Matthew's Church in Franklin, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Tom Forbes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-nine years, Barbara Forbes, and was the proud father of four children, Cheryl Lynn Forbes, Thomas

Gregory Forbes, who is married to Brandi Trinka Forbes, Timothy John Forbes, who is married to Ann Gaillard Forbes, and David Michael Forbes, who is married to Courtney Dismukes Forbes; and

WHEREAS, he will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Grace Ann Forbes, Marie Kathleen Forbes, and Georgia Corinne Forbes, as well as his brother, Joseph Forbes, Sergeant Major Retired, USMC; and

WHEREAS, Tom Forbes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of George John “Tom” Forbes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Forbes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.